GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3927
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000
FOREIGN VISIT BY ICAI OFFICERS
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a spurt in foreign travels by the officers of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the purpose of such visit alongwith the amount spent in Indian rupees and foreign exchange on each trip separately?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) : The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), which is a statutory autonomous body established under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, has informed the Government that there has not been any spurt in foreign travels by the officers of the Institute during the last three years. The Institute has reported that the expenditure on foreign travel had in fact come down during the year 1999-2000.

According to ICAI, the Institute is the founder member of SAFA (South Asian Federation of Accountants) and the Secretary of the Institute is the Permanent Secretary of SAFA. The Secretary and officers of the Institute looking after the affairs and the secretariat of SAFA are therefore required to attend meetings, seminars, conferences etc. organised under the aegis of SAFA.

ICAI has further reported that the officers of the Institute had also undertaken foreign visits in connection with GATS-WTO negotiations for assisting the Government of India; for inter-action with overseas chapters of ICAI, and for providing technical and professional assistance in the setting up and operationalisation of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal (ICAN), with whom ICAI had signed a Memorandum of Understanding etc. etc.

(b) : A statement is annexed.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3927 FOR 14.12
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE ON FOREIGN TRIPS BY THE OFFICERS OF ICAI

Name of officer Place visited Duration Purpose Expdt. in Ind. currency (Rs.) Forex. expendi-
of tour

ture @(US$/Rs.)
Financial Year 1997-98
Sh. T.Karthikeyan
Kathmandu
15-18
Apr`97

For dialogue on entering into MoU with Chartered Accts body in Nepal for providing them technical assistance
13,535
Nil

Sh. Jagdamba Prasad
Dubai
24 May-
29-May-97
For opening up of new examination centre at Dubai
15,330
US $ 2000
Rs. (72942)

Dr. A.K. Bhattacharyya
Colombo
30 June-
I July`97
To attend South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) Comm./Conference
19,165
US $ 600

(Rs. 22085)
Dr. A.K. Bhattacharyya
Paris
15-17
Dec 97
To assist Govt. of India delegation at WPPS meet (GATS-WTO matters)
46,140
US $ 1500

(Rs. 60676)
Dr. A.K. Bhattacharyya
Geneva
1-4
Feb` 98
To assist Indian delegation
at WPPS meet.
58,004
US $ 1500

(Rs. 59141)
TOTAL

Total : 152,174 US $ 5600 (Rs. 214844)
Financial Year 1998-99
Dr. B.Chakravarty
Kathmandu
24-29 Apr`98
To attend CPE Seminar
7,821
Nil
Dr. Ashok Haldia
Kathmandu
24-29 Apr`98
To attend CPE Seminar
5,867
Nil
Sh.V.K.Sharma
Kathmandu
24-29 Apr`98
To attend CPE Seminar
7,539
Nil
Dr. A.K. Bhattacharyya
Colombo
2-4 May`98
To attend 33rd SAFA Assembly
25,133
US $ 600

(Rs. 24270)
Dr. B. Chakravarty
Colombo
2-4
To attend 33rd SAFA
29,385
US $ 600

May`98
Assembly

(Rs. 24270)
Sh. Vijay Kapoor
Kathmandu
26 June-
For implementation of task
12,854
Nil

17-Jul-98
under MoU with ICA Nepal

Dr. B. Chakravarty
Paris
19-24
To attend CIS Conf.
50,207
US $ 1800

July`98
organised by OECD

(Rs. 77696)
Dr. Ashok Haldia
Dhaka
20-24
To attend 34th SAFA Assembly
16,636
US $ 870

August`98

(Rs. 39123)
Sh. Vijay Kapoor
Kathmandu
16-21
For implementation of task
11,652
Nil

Nov-98
under MoU with ICA Nepal

Sh. Vijay Kapoor
Kathmandu
15-20
For implementation of task
12,980
Nil

Dec-98
under MoU with ICA Nepal

Sh. Vijay Kapoor
Kathmandu
30 Jan-
For implementation of task
18,414
Nil

10 Feb.99
under MoU with ICA Nepal

Dr. Ashok Haldia
Colombo
19-22
To attend 36th SAFA
16,496
US $ 500

Feb`99
Assembly

(Rs. 22635)
Dr. B. Chakravarty
Colombo
17-22
To attend 36th SAFA
16,496
US $ 930

Feb`99
Assembly

(Rs. 41416)
TOTAL

Total : 231,480 US $ 5300 (Rs. 229,410)

Financial Year 1999-2000
Dr. B.Chakravarty
Kathmandu
29 Aug.-
1 Sep.99
Meeting with Secretary Gen.
of SAARC
25,714
Nil
Dr. Ashok Haldia
Islamabad
17-21
To attend 38th SAFA
10,785

US $ 500

Sept`99
Assembly

(Rs. 23890)
Dr. B. Chakravarty
Islamabad
17-21 Sept`99
To attend 38th SAFA
Assembly
14,865
US $ 1500

(Rs. 66565)
Sh. Vijay Kapoor
Kathmandu
25-30
For implementation of task
12,114

Oct. 99
under MoU with ICA Nepal

Sh. Vijay Kapoor
Kathmandu
2-6
For implementation of task
12,114
Nil

Dec-99
under MoU with ICA Nepal

Dr. Ashok Haldia
Kathmandu
2-4 Dec.99
SAFA Assembly/seminar
15,620
Nil
Dr. B.Chakravarty
Kathmandu
2-4 Dec.99
SAFA Assembly/ seminar
16,794
Nil
Dr. Ashok Haldia
Colombo
22-25
To attend 40th SAFA
22,375
US $ 400

Jan`00
Assembly

(Rs. 18923)
Dr. B. Chakravarty
Colombo
22-25
To attend 40th SAFA
27,260
US $1200

Jan`00
Assembly

(Rs. 53233)
Dr. Ashok Haldia
Gulf Region
27March-
To visit ICAI`s Chapters
25,571
US $1200

1 April`00
in the Gulf Region

(Rs. 53831)
TOTAL

Total : 183,212 US $ 4800 (Rs. 216,442)
Expenditure in Indian Currency includes air travel charges and other incidental penses.

`@ Net of Foreign exchange and local foreign currency returned by the officers.